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EXCHANGE OF NOTES RESPECTING THE TERMS OF LEASE OF PORT ARTHUR
AND DALNY AND THE TERMS OF SOUTH MANCHURIAN AND ANTUNG-
MUKDEN RAILWAYS

Note

Peking, the 25th day of the 5th month of the 4th year of the Republic of China

Monsieur le Ministre,

I have the honor to state that, respecting the provisions contained in Article 1 of the treaty relating to South Manchuria and Eastern Inner Mongolia, signed this day, the term of lease of Port-Arthur and Dalny shall expire in the 86th year of the Republic or 1997. The date for restoring the South Manchuria Railway to China shall fall due in the 91st year of the Republic or 2002. Article 12 in the original South Manchurian Railway Agreement providing that it may be redeemed by China after 36 years from the day on which the traffic is opened is hereby cancelled. The term of the Antung-Mukden Railway shall expire in the 96th year of the Republic or 2007.

I avail, etc.,

(Signed) LOU TSENG-TSIANG.

His Excellency,

HIROKI EKI,

Japanese Minister.

Reply

Peking, the 25th day of the 5th month of the 4th year of Taisho

Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your excellency's note of this day's date in which you stated that respecting the provisions contained in Article 1 of the treaty relating to South Manchuria and Eastern Inner Mongolia, signed this day, the term of lease of Port Arthur and Dalny shall expire in the 86th year of the Republic or 1997. The date for restoring the South Manchurian Railway to China shall fall due in the 91st year of the Republic or 2002. Article 12 in the original South Manchurian Railway Agreement providing that it may be redeemed by China after 36 years from the day on which the traffic is opened, is hereby

cancelled. The term of the Antung-Mukden Railway shall expire in the 96th year of the Republic or 2007.

In reply I beg to state that I have taken note of the same.

I avail, etc.,

(Signed) HIOKI EKI.

His Excellency,

LOU TSENG-TSIANG,

Minister of Foreign Affairs.

EXCHANGE OF NOTES RESPECTING THE OPENING OF PORTS IN EASTERN
INNER MONGOLIA

Note

Peking, the 25th day of the 5th month of the 4th year of the Republic of China

Monsieur le Ministre,

I have the honor to state that the places which ought to be opened as commercial ports by China herself, as provided in Article 6 of the treaty respecting South Manchuria and Eastern Inner Mongolia signed this day, will be selected, and the regulations therefor will be drawn up, by the Chinese Government itself, a decision concerning which will be made after consulting the Minister of Japan.

I avail, etc.,

(Signed) LOU TSENG-TSIANG.

His Excellency,

HIOKI EKI,

Japanese Minister.

Reply

Peking the 25th day of the 5th month of the 4th year of Taisho

Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your excellency's note of this day's date in which you stated "that the places which ought to be opened as commercial ports by China herself, as provided in Article 6 of the treaty respecting South Manchuria and Eastern Inner Mongolia signed this day, will be selected, and the regulations therefor, will be